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## BETHEL LOCALS.

Items of Interest. What Our People Talk About.

"A City That Is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

Maple syrup.

Good roads—dry feet.

Sunday next is Palm Sunday.

Mrs. G. P. Bean is visiting in Portland.

Miss Adelaide Farwell was in West Bethel, Monday.

E. E. Stearns loaded a car with pressed hay, Saturday.

Miss Annie Cross is spending a few weeks with her sister in Berlin, N. H.

Rev. F. E. Barton, beginning with Sunday last, commenced a series of Lenten sermons.

Now is the time to paint up your wagons, and carriages. Call at Hastings Bros. and get your paint and brush.

That tired feeling is due to impoverished blood. Enrich the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla, and be strong and vigorous.

Miss Alice Pride, of Windham, who has been visiting Miss Edith Grover for a few days, returned home Monday morning.

Messrs. J. and E. A. Wyman have shipped over 700 cases of first quality corn to New York and Boston, within the past two weeks.

A call for reliable, energetic men to engage in a business both permanent and profitable is made in the card, "Men Wanted," in another column.

At the M. E. church last Sunday three persons were baptized and five received into the church, two on probation and three into full membership.

The bicycle season opened with Mr. S. N. Buck by the sale of four wheels one day last week. Mr. Buck is handling the Buffalo Cycle Co.'s line, which was handled by him last year. The wheels are giving excellent satisfaction, as all will tell you who used them last year.

Considerable maple syrup has been brought in during the past week. We have received it from Messrs. E. G. Young, J. S. Hutchins and C. E. Abbott, and although we were reared in a maple orchard, we pronounce the syrup made by these parties as good as any we ever used.

Edward King will handle the Orient Bicycles this season. This wheel is manufactured by the Waltham Manufacturing Company, of Waltham, Mass., and is one of the standard wheels. Mr. King will open up with a full line, April 15th, and respectfully invites all interested, to call and examine his stock.

Mr. S. N. Buck wishes to correct the rumor afloat that he is to leave town, by stating that although he will be away from home for a while, yet all business will be carried on here as usual. He has procured the services of Gilman Chapman, who will tend in the store of Mr. Buck and give prompt attention to all business.

Letter Service.

Sunday evening, the Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church had a rare treat in the shape of a "Letter Service."

As all wished to be present, it was decided to have a union meeting, instead of two services, as usual. Letters bearing on the topic for the evening—Lessons from Christ's Miracles—had been secured from all parts of the country. It was indeed inspiring to hear these messages from our fellow-endorsers in far off states. Could these friends know how help has come to us through these letters, we are sure they would feel paid for their efforts. We have been the "receivers," and may it indeed be true in their case, "It is better to give than to receive." Through the News, which may reach many of these friends, we as a society wish to express our thanks.

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F. H. Lovejoy spent Sunday in Omaha, Nebraska.

Fred Merrill is home from Bowdoin, Brunswick, spending a week.

Mr. Chester Wheeler was home from Auburn last Saturday, for a short visit.

Mrs. Vira Jordan has returned home from a two week's visit at Berlin, N. H.

Mr. A. E. Horrick was in Portland three days last week, attending Circuit Court.

The M. E. Literary Circle will meet to-morrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. Douglass.

C. C. Lovejoy and wife of Andover spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lovejoy.

A break in the main shafting at the Chair Factory, Monday afternoon, caused a shut down for a few days.

The subject of the discourse at the M. E. church next Sunday morning will be "The Sufficiency of Revelation."

The many friends of Mrs. Gilbert Tuell will sympathize with her at the death of her brother, which occurred in Brattleboro, Vt., Friday last.

The Keeley Institute at Deering, Maine, has moved to 151 Congress St., Portland, Maine, on Munjoy Hill, in a new building with all modern improvements, slightly and healthy.

The members of Sunset Rebekah Lodge, met at the hall last Wednesday afternoon and evening, making over the regalia, recently purchased of the Auburn Lodge. They report the regalia a very handsome set, and used it the first time at initiation last Monday night.

Whist Party.

About 125 of our citizens were entertained, Thursday evening, in Odeon Hall by Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Twaddle, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Buck, and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Merrill.

The evening was an enjoyable one in the extreme. This fact was not only proven by words, but an expression of delight beamed upon the countenance of every one present. There were thirty tables with four players at a table, making in all 120 players, and it is a fact worthy of note that each sex was equally represented.

There were two side tables for checkers, and two large tables in the center well filled with the usual refreshments. We understand that Claude Mills carried off the honors, heshowing at the close about seventy points. And—well, perhaps we had better not tell about those whose rings were so small that three of them were required to hold ringlets enough to square their just accounts. The following will corroborate the statement that it was an enjoyable affair.

G. R. Wiley and wife, A. C. Frost and wife, J. B. Chapman and wife, W. D. Hastings and wife, W. H. Young and wife, F. L. Edwards and wife, Fritz Tyler and wife, J. C. Billings and wife, M. W. Chandler and wife, G. T. Lawrence and wife, Chas. Chute and wife, W. F. Lovejoy and wife, Newton Richardson and wife, E. H. Young and wife, Orville Clough and wife, D. C. Philbrook and wife, G. P. Bean and wife, Edmund Merrill and wife, Jas. Barrows and wife, C. L. Davis and wife, G. S. Russell and wife, T. F. Hastings and wife, C. Bryant and wife, L. L. Mason and wife, Geo. Plaisted and wife, Miss Fannie Mason, Miss Nellie Frost, Miss Eva Barker, Miss Joan Stearns, Miss Ellen Douglass, Miss Edith Douglass, Miss Adelaide Farwell, Mrs. A. M. Farwell, Mrs. Ava Finney, Miss Barbara Carter, Miss Bertha Wiley, Miss Mollie Chapman, Miss Maud Pratt, Miss Alice Russell, Miss Cleo Russell, Miss Jane Gibson, Miss Alice Billings, Miss Martha Gibson, Miss Edith Walker, Miss Ella Chandler, Miss Clyde Bartlett, Miss Ella Eames, Miss Annie Hamilton, Miss Eva Twaddle, Miss Henrietta Douglass, Miss Emma Jones, Mrs. Ella Carter, Miss Elvira Holt, Miss Laura C. Hall, Miss Bessie Searles, Miss Brownie Stearns, Miss Marjorie Burgess, Miss Elsie Hall, Miss Gladys Buck, Miss Susie Twitchell, A. M. True, Claude Mills, Charles Kimball, Wm. Marshall Lawrence, Merton Farwell, L. A. Pratt, E. S. Kilborn, Gilman Chapman, Leonard Pratt, Benjamin Goodwin, S. A. Gibson, Harry Plaisted, H. C. Rowe, E. M. Walker, A. W. Meserve, B. C. Snyder, Will Bryant, Percy Bartlett, Warren Emery, L. U. Bartlett, Harvey Bennett, Fred Merrill, Gerry Brooks, W. W. Hastings, Dr. C. D. Hill, Deward Mason, Charles Mason, Alonzo Chapman, Robert Foster, George Merrill, Charles Crosby, Wm. Kimball, A. W. Menish, Harry Hastings.

## WAR REMINISCENCES

OF THE BETHEL COMPANY.

Company I, Fifth Maine Regiment.

By COL. CLARK S. EDWARDS.

NUMBER XIV.

After the battle of Rappahannock Station, Company I of the 5th Maine regiment, went into camp on the high bank south of Hazel river where we remained about a fortnight, when orders to move were given.

The forward march began on the morning of November 26 in the direction of the Rapidan river which was crossed by the army. Our brigade was assigned to the duty of rear-guard of the division. As it was usual for the wagons to follow the troops, the Bethel company with others had a trying experience with "Virginia mud," for the cry, "Hold on, a team stuck," was frequently heard. Ropes were at once attached to the unfortunate wagon and away pulled the boys, defying all horse or mule-flesh. Many laughable incidents could be related of how our boys, in their attempt to go to Richmond, pulled as well as marched. I speak of these things without going into detail, for the purpose of carrying back the minds of the survivors of the Company, who may chance to read these lines, to the exciting scenes of by-gone days.

Our Thanksgiving dinner, this year, consisted of fat, raw pork, hard bread, and cold water—not an inviting feast for the tired and worn-out soldier. As we pushed on we soon heard heavy musketry in our front. The Third Corps had met the enemy and was hotly engaged. We immediately assumed position and advanced in line toward the battle-field. When we were within five hundred yards of the rebel position, we halted and threw up a sort of breastwork made of fence rails. Here we received our full share of shot, shell, and bullets, though we did little to weaken the forces of the enemy, for another line of our troops was in our front and thus prevented us from giving the foe the benefit of our muskets.

As evening came on, the rebels fell back. On the following day, we pursued them toward Robinson's Tavern, advancing into a piece of woods called the Wilderness. The greatest difficulty was experienced in this march in the forest, it being almost impossible for us to keep on his horse or to see more than a rod or two in any direction. There were many anxious hearts in the regiment, for a volley from the rebel infantry or from some concealed battery was momentarily expected.

Finally we reached the top of a hill overlooking a valley, beyond which, less than a mile away, on a slight rise of ground, the enemy was most strongly entrenched; in fact, holding a position that seemed almost impregnable. We halted upon the hill, waiting, as we supposed, for the remaining portions of the Corps to advance into position. The halt was an agreeable one for the boys, for they were not only tired, but were cold and wet, and did not have much disposition under these circumstances to engage in mortal conflict.

As soon as it was dark I received orders from Division headquarters to establish the picket line in front of the Sixth Corps, some one hundred and fifty rods; not a pleasant job, as it was a dark night and we knew nothing of what was in front of us. Before dark we could see no line of rifle-pits and redoubts nowly made, but could not see one of those who had done the work, but we knew they were there in ambush. The 5th Maine picked out the left of the line, and the 121st New York on the extreme right. Sunday morning, Nov. 29, found us almost dark neighbors with the rebels; our line ran parallel with the Mine Run stream and about forty rods apart. During the night our boys had built barricades of fence rails, about eight rods apart, and behind each, three men were stationed. Soon after daylight, a squad of rebel sharpshooters on our left commenced their cruel work, and during the day they wounded a number from our regiment, but none were killed. About mid-day, as I was passing over the line, they took me for a target. I was very polite as usual, and lifted my hat at each shot, and five were fired while I was going from one post to the other. They all passed harmlessly by, but one would have saved the barber a little work had I employed one at the time, but we made it even with them that afternoon; as we were passing back over our lines, again, I met Gens. Sedgwick, Wright, Howe, and Russell. We

cautioned them about passing over the knoll where the Rebels had practiced on us. They thanked me, and as they moved up a ravine Gen. Wright turned and said, "You may open on those fellows, if they are too saucy." On the hill-side directly in front of us was a growth of young, pine timber containing three or four acres. About one o'clock in the afternoon, little columns of smoke, hundreds in number, were seen rising heavenward above the tops of these trees, then we knew the "varmints" were cooking their dinners. The distance from us, I judged, was nine or ten hundred yards. We sent the order over the line to have every man load his musket with two rounds of powder and a single ball, to raise the sight to shoot eleven hundred yards, and be ready when the order came to fire; soon the sharpshooters fired at one of our men. We then gave the order to fire, which took them narywars as we had not fired a shot into the woods for the day, in fact, we had not fired a shot into answer to the sharpshooters. We came in sight of these works the afternoon before, and up to this time not a rebel had been seen, but we knew for a certainty there were, five secreted among some rocks on our left, but this volley brought them out, and thousands could be seen as they jumped out of the pits onto their works. Why, it reminded me of disturbing a swarm of bees. I distinctly heard them call in those sharpshooters who had been annoying us all this time. As they went back our boys gave them some—well, not very elegant language, and they returned the compliment. It was not the talk one would be likely to hear in a Sunday afternoon temperance meeting.

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Of the many exchanges which come to our office, there are none which possess more originality than the Kennebec Journal, published by Burleigh & Flint of Augusta. One of the noticeable features last week, was an index by subjects to the public laws enacted during the past winter by the Maine Legislature. This is a feature which its readers can but appreciate, as it will enable them to readily find any law, act, or resolve which they may wish to examine without the tiresome searching which the bulk of the laws would otherwise necessitate. Their idea will undoubtedly be adopted by other papers in the future.

The sixty-eighth session of the Maine Legislature has ended, and another code of laws is placed before the people, and as they are examined, none seem more important than the one which provides for the grouping of towns for the employment of school superintendents. State Superintendent Stetson says with reference to it: "I congratulate the Legislature and the Governor upon the passage of the most important educational law placed upon the statute books of Maine, in the last half century."

That they deserve such congratulations none will question. It is very evident that the citizens of our honored State, mean not only to keep abreast, but to score beyond our sister states in civilization and enlightenment; they are alive to the fact, that our common schools, are the great safeguards of our civilization, and that if we would keep pace with the advancement which is akin to the 19th. century, we must omit no opportunity of placing before the rising generations upon whom depends the future progress of our state, as into their hands must soon be committed the responsibility of fostering our public interest, such a system of education as will be unsurpassed by any state in the union. Maine is the second state to pass such a law. Massachusetts has a similar law, which is the result of a twenty years' fight for its enactment. This law is the result of an earnest appeal for the same, by Supt. Stetson. The educational committee readily saw the merits of the bill and reported favorably, and it passed both branches without debate or opposition.

The object of the law is to provide expert superintendence. The committees of adjoining towns are allowed to unite for the purpose of employing a person thoroughly qualified, and who will give his entire attention to the business. The union of towns pay the Superintendent a sum not less than \$500, and the state one half as much more, providing the amount from the state shall not exceed \$750. No person is eligible to the position of superintendent unless he holds a state certificate.

There is a general rejoicing among the leading educators upon the passage of this law, which they are confident will prove of inestimable value to our common schools.

A syndicate is being formed in New York for the purpose of turning the comparatively useless coast of New Jersey into a center of maritime and railroad commerce. A sea wall will be built for a distance of three miles. The mud flats are to be excavated, and the land will be built up with piles and piers extending inward several thousand feet. Cement bottoms will be laid, and wharves and warehouses will be built, and rented to railroad and steamship lines, as is being done at the present time in New York. This project seems to be the outgrowth of dissatisfaction on the part of the steamship companies over the rentals now in force in New York.

In the sixth century of the Christian era a chronologist named Dionysius established a system of dating the years and centuries which has been followed ever since. He was the first to systematize the reckoning of time from the birth of Christ. Later investigations, however, and more accurate ones, demonstrated that he had fixed the birth of Christ four years later than he should have done. In the textbooks of chronology, therefore, the curious fact is recorded that Christ was born four years before Christ—that is, four years before the commencement of the Christian era. Teachers do not always stop to explain that this happens because Dionysius made a mistake in his dates. That being the case, The Outlook points out that we are actually already living in the twentieth century. Instead of being the year 1897 of the Christian era, this is really 1901 of that era.

## TOWN TOPICS

Now for the bicycle.

Herbert Day of Waterville, Me., is spending a few days in town.

The Ladies' Club meets with Mrs. L. T. Barker, Thursday P. M. Mr. Fred Merrill is spending his vacation at the home of his parents.

Fifty new volumes have recently been added to the library of the M. E. Sunday School.

The News extends thanks to Mr. J. S. Hutchins for some of the best maple sugar of the season.

The wonderful magnifying glass, presenting Edison animated pictures will be seen at every performance of the Lillian Tucker Company.

W. F. Lovejoy received a dispatch yesterday afternoon, announcing the sudden death of Jos. Abbott at his home in South Paris.

Edward Gerrish, formerly of Durham and Bethel, Maine, died in the hospital in Berlin, N. H., last week. He was over 60 years of age.

Mr. Edwin Coburn of "Angler's Retreat," Richardson Lake, made a trip to Bethel, Monday, procuring supplies of groceries etc., for the summer months.

Those who would like to have a first class bicycle and are willing to devote a little of their spare time to secure it, should read our offer on the second page.

The students of Gould's Academy enjoyed a most delightful crust-walk one day last week. The sugar-camps were visited, and no session was held in the forenoon.

The popular Lillian Tucker Dramatic Company will play at Odeon Hall, Bethel, during the week beginning Monday, April 12. On that evening "The Little Duchess" will be presented.

Town clerk L. T. Barker, wishes to call attention of those who own dogs, to the fact that the law requires them to be licensed on or before April first. Beware! The next notice will come through the constable.

Lisbon Falls, Me., March 8th, 1897.—Several years ago I was taken with a pain in my left knee, and later it became a running sore. It discharged freely and the pain at times was maddening. I could not find anything to give me relief and became discouraged. My wife read about Hood's Sarsaparilla and advised me to try it and I did so and I am now almost well. I feel no pain and the sore is healed. J. P. Moors.

Hood's Pills easy to buy, easy to take, easy in effect. 25c.

### Academy Crust Walk.

The mornings for a few days past had been so pleasant, with such a good crust, that as scholars of Gould's Academy we began to importunate our teachers for a "crust-walk." This being granted, we decided upon Thursday, April 1st, as the best day.

Accordingly at the early hour of 7.45, about thirty members of the school assembled at the Academy. Cutting across lots, we directed our steps toward West Bethel. The view of the hills and of the river valley was a picture truly beautiful to look upon.

On our way we visited two sugar-camps, and from the last we proceeded to the railroad track, on which we returned home. At 11.15 our party straggled slowly into the school room, when we were dismissed till afternoon. Mr. French took a very good picture of the travelers on the railroad embankment.

### Another Whist Party.

Mr. E. S. Kilborn and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lovejoy entertained one of the largest whist parties of the season at the Bethel House, Saturday evening. Nothing necessary for the enjoyment of the favored guests was left undone. The decorations were unique. Upon entering the spacious parlors, one was almost led to feel that he had unconsciously stepped from the snow-clad hills of Oxford county into the balmy regions of the South; for here he found himself in what appeared to be an orange orchard, surrounded as he was by trees, beautifully laden with ripe, rich fruit, the fragrance of which filled the rooms with its delicious perfume.

Every room on the first floor was occupied, and it was a pleasing sight to stand in the hall and gaze into the various rooms and see the happy company in their respective positions enjoying the pleasures of the evening. In the hall were two large refreshment tables filled to the overflow. There were one hundred and thirty-six present, and as many report a very pleasant evening.

The example of W. W. Brewer, justice of the peace and a prominent citizen of Mt. Jewett, Pa., is worthy of emulation. He says: "I never leave home without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and always recommend it to my friends. It is the best I ever used, and never fails to give immediate relief." For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant's Pond.

### An Old Pensioner.

John Coyne is wanted at A. W. Grover's pension office, Bethel. Important business awaits him.

## Festival Concert.

Bethel—staid, conservative, cool-blooded Bethel—lost her head last night, and made the astonished rafters of the old church ring with untroubled sounds. Never in the annals of our village has there been such a musical gathering as met at the Festival concert—never such a concert given among us.

Successful from the first royal "Gladius" to the last exultant "Hallelujah!" Not a break or even a wavering, indecisive passage in the union between the body of singers and the leader's thought. Who would have believed that this, as yet, only half-trained body of singers could have produced the effect that was given last night; or that those accompanists could have supported, interpreted, and inspired them, or the young director could have led them with such poise and confidence? Young director—he might have been leading a chorus since "the morning-stars sang together," as far as complete self-control was assured. He seemed transformed into a much older man, and was completely master of the situation.

The church was made beautiful by a grove of evergreen, banked with flowers which served to enclose the daintily-gowned, flower-bedecked, ladies, with the black-garbed masculine element as a background, while the new lamps, donated by the ever-generous "Ladies' Club," shed unwonted, and much appreciated lustre upon the pretty picture.

The solos, duet, and quartet, gave charming variety to the programme, but the great wave of sound, the revelation of what harmony means, which came through the chorus, thrilled the audience into unusual expressions of feeling, while, for the first time, there rose before their minds a conception of what the great Festival will be like.

When a mere handful of singers, without an orchestra, can produce such an effect, what will it be with fourteen hundred voices (a great audience in itself), a famous orchestra bearing up the voices, and the greatest singer in the world singing the solos we heard last night with so much pleasure, and above all, with that combination of musical fire and fury—as a conductor? Think what a picture it will be—to say nothing of what that audience will do. Multiply last night's expressions of enthusiasm by one thousand and you will see head-chiefs, hats, hurrahs, and people up in the air—while your ears drums will register impressions never before experienced.

For every patient hour of hard work, what a reward awaits us. To know these compositions note by note, phrase by phrase, not only one's own part—but all the parts—and then to hear them glorified by the most faultless renderings. Think of hearing that wonderful accompaniment of the Battle Hymn given by an orchestra of one hundred pieces, when one slender pair of hands produced such an imposing effect upon a piano, or the exquisite undercurrent in the "Inflammatus," or the "Hallelujah Chorus"—to say nothing of the great compositions from oratorios and operas yet unlearned.

There will be no lack of attendance or interest when we re-assemble to continue our study, and the honorary members will realize as never before their privilege in growing with the chorus into a knowledge of these wonderful compositions.

Mr. Snyder's bewitching song of the "Fairies," with Miss True's fascinating rendition of the daintyest of accompaniments, brought such an overwhelming storm of applause, that it was repeated.

At its close, Rev. Mr. Barton, the Vice President, left his place in the chorus and suddenly appeared before the astonished conductor bearing a beautiful ebony, ivory, and silver baton, made gay by a knot of golden ribbon, which with gracefully-chosen words he presented to Mr. Snyder from the grateful chorus and the appreciative honorary members, and by so doing robbed Mr. Snyder, temporarily, of breath and voice. Silence is sometimes eloquence!

A greeting from Mr. and Mrs. Chapman was read, praising the chorus for being the first in the field to give a concert, and then, with the inspiring new baton over the inspired singers, the audience rose and heard, as a finale, the evergreen, ever-glorious Hallelujah Chorus, given—as even the chorus itself did not know it could render it—and the first concert of the Maine Musical Festival Association was a thing of the past!

Easter will be observed at the M. E. church next Sunday. An Easter responsive service will be given in the evening entitled "The Conversion of the World."

Before you have that new gown fitted, suppose you try a pair of Royal Worcester Corsets. It will be a big help to your dressmaker and you will be better satisfied with the fit of your gown. Full line at our corset department.

### From Cripple Creek.

After the big fire in Cripple Creek, I took a very severe cold and tried many remedies without help, the cold only becoming more settled. After using three small bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, both the cold and cough left me, and in this high altitude it takes a meritorious cough remedy to do any good.—G. B. Henderson, editor Daily Advertiser. For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant's Pond.

## JUST LOOK!!

HERE IS A CHANCE TO GET A \$100 BICYCLE ABSOLUTELY FREE.

As the season for wheels draws near, many are doubtless wondering how they are to secure one, and fortunately the Bethel News appears at this time with a plan whereby it can be secured free of cost.

### THIS IS THE PLAN.

We desire to add 500 subscribers to our list during the next few months; we also have a well equipped job office which we wish to work to its full capacity. We have therefore decided to give to any lady or gentleman in Oxford county who will secure the most work for us before June 17, one of the best bicycles in the market.

The work will be credited by votes as follows: Any person securing one subscription will be entitled to 100 votes. A year's subscription paid by an old subscriber will also count 100 votes, and one dollar's worth of job printing or advertising will count 50 votes. Each paper will also contain one coupon which when filled out and sent to the News office, will count one vote.

### THE PRIZE.

The wheel which we shall give is the well known Iver Johnson wheel. It is their best \$100 wheel, containing all the 1897 improvements and is, as anyone familiar with wheels will say, one of the best now in use. This wheel is handled by Mr. S. N. Buck of Bethel, and can be seen and examined at any time by calling at his store.

A WORD TO THE CONTESTANTS. Begin at once, for if you wait to see what others are doing, someone will get such a start of you that it will be difficult to get even with them. It is easier to start ahead and keep ahead, than it is to catch up after one gets behind. So begin by cutting out some votes and sending in, so that your friends may see that you are in the contest before they promise to help some one else; then make a thorough canvass of your community for subscriptions, job work and advertising; keep constantly at it, and at the end of two short months, you will own one of the best wheels ever owned in Oxford county.

### Talmage and the Human Voice.

Rev. T. De Witt Talmage is fond of any story that will illustrate a sermon or beautify a moral. Here is one that he tells in his own original way.

A German family emigrated from the fatherland to this country and settled in Milwaukee. The oldest boy, in his teens, concluded he would start out for himself. Finally he brought up in New York city and soon spent all the money the old man had given him. Then he wrote his father this kind of an appeal:

"Dear Father—I am sick and lonely, without one single cent. Send me some money quick."

Your son, John. Now the father was illiterate and could not read, so he went to a great, strapping butcher and asked him to read the letter. The butcher had a gruff way of reading and a loud voice. When he finished reading John's letter the father was furious and declared he would not send a penny, even if the father starved to death. He had never heard such an impudent demand for money.

On his way home the father thought the butcher might have made a mistake in reading, and a desire to hear the letter read again overcame him. A consumptive baker, with a low, falling inflection, was next asked to read the son's letter. When he concluded the father said, with tears in his eyes, "My poor boy, I'll send him all the money he wants."

The baker had read word for word the letter as it was read by the butcher.

You see, my dear friends, that there is a great deal in the human voice.—New York World.

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### BERLIN, N. H.

The snows nearly all gone here.

O. J. Condon returned from the

woods, Monday.

Miss Blanch F. Hindle was up

from Gorham, last Saturday.

George H. Corby was in the city

a few days last week on business.

Miss Lois Twitchell is spending

her vacation with friends in Au-

burn.

F. S. Laverty of Bowdoin Col-

lege is spending his vacation at his

home here.

A large number of men and six-

teen horses came out of the woods,

last Sunday.

W. B. Abbott, who has been visit-

ing friends here, went to Lewis-

ton last Friday.

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Short Paragraphs Collected by Our Correspondents, for the NEWS.

**To Correspondents.**  
Each week we are obliged to omit items from these columns owing to their coming in too late for publication, and to avoid this, we respectfully ask that all items be sent so that we may receive them as early as Tuesday morning.

We wish to express our appreciation of the assistance that our correspondents have given us in the past, and earnestly request that they continue to assist us in the future.

**WEST BETHEL.**  
Now murmur low the rippling streams  
That through the valley stray;  
The days grow warmer and it seems  
That spring has come to stay.  
The ice-bridge across the Androscoggin still holds.

Miss Alice Pride of Windham, visited the family of L. E. Allen, Friday.

Miss Oda Glover of Rumford, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dell Arsenault.

Mr. E. G. Wheeler, whose illness we reported last week, is still very sick.

Edgar Briggs visited his two sisters in Gilead last week, and came home Saturday.

Boys, girls, and married women, may be seen on cold mornings, coasting on the hill-sides.

Saph has been running freely for two weeks, and the hollid-down sweetness is now quite plentiful.

Mrs. Will Holt of Greenwood, visited her mother, Mrs. Lysander Ordway, on Friday of last week.

George Merrow attended the whist party in Odeon Hall, Bethel, Thursday evening, and reports a fine time.

Nearly every one in this vicinity has a good supply of hay, and much that was cut on meadows, will be kept over summer.

The boys had the sidewalks clear of snow, and were out on their bicycles, April 1st. Wheels are run on sidewalks in this village.

W. H. Merrow, the well known taxidermist, has nearly finished the large amount of work sent to him during the winter months.

Mrs. W. H. Merrow has received \$10. from Mrs. W. C. Libby, of Gorham, N. H., to be added to the fund for furnishing the new church.

We received a letter on Friday last, from a lady friend in Massachusetts, which measured when unrolled, nine feet and nine inches. It was enclosed in a pasteboard case.

This week we enter upon the twenty-third year of our editorial connection with the Portland Transcript, during which time we have sent copy for every issue of that paper.

**BUCKFIELD.**  
Edgar Hall, a member of the Rumford Falls Times staff who came home sick, is convalescent. Buckfield shares the epidemic, but not to the extent of many places. Nearly all cases of grip are on the gain.

Mrs. Wilson Conant, who lost a young child about two weeks ago, died very suddenly last Saturday morning. Her age was 22 years.

From one to three cars of apples have been loaded daily for the past week. Many were loaded loose, for which 30c per barrel was paid, 75c for barreled fruit.

"Gen. George H. Thomas and the Battle of Chickamauga," was the subject of a lecture, Friday evening, March 26, by O. R. Hall, M.D. Dr. Hall, although nearly blind, instituted the Young Men's History and Debating Club which met Monday evenings at the doctor's house. Out of this, originated the lyceums and lectures which followed.

"From Serfdom to Freedom," was the subject of the last lecture in the lyceum course under the auspices of the Young Men's History and Debating Club, last Friday evening at Nesinscott Hall, by Edward Bicknell Esq., late of Boston, now of our neighboring town Hartford and a graduate of Harvard. It was a very interesting and instructive lecture, inasmuch as it showed the rise of the serf of the fourteenth century to the station of man, and his continued progress up to the present time through his efforts by organization and agitation. This was a lecture rather out of the common course, partaking more of the plebeianistic nature than otherwise, making it none the less interesting to him of democratic proclivities.

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**MASON.**  
O. G. Mason hurt his foot Saturday.  
George Bennett has finished working for D. E. Mills.  
Mr. Philbrook of Shelburne, N. H., was in town, Saturday.  
Grace Richardson of Bethel, is working for Mrs. F. I. Bean.  
Ella Tyler went to Harrison, Saturday, to care for her aunt, who is sick.  
The Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. Arthur Tyler, Wednesday afternoon. There was a box supper in the evening; all reported it a good time.

**EAST BETHEL.**  
Mrs. Rose Kimball spent the past week with friends at Bethel Hill.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bartlett, of Berlin Mills, N. H., spent last Sunday with their brothers and sisters, in this place.  
Mr. N. F. Swan was called to Gorham, N. H., last Friday, to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Emeline Shorey.  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bean, who have been spending the winter in Milan, N. H., returned to their home here, April 3.  
Master Clarence Howe and his sister, Miss Agnes, of Waltham, Mass., are spending their vacation at their grandfather's J. D. Hastings.

**NORTH FRYEBURG.**  
Miss Alta Charles has gone to Lovell.  
Miss Mary Ellis has returned to Canton.  
Wesley Emery visited in Brownfield last week.  
Joseph Howe of Lovell, is our new stage driver.  
Joseph Mitchell is staying with relatives in this place.  
Mr. Hollis Mansfield went to Conway, one day last week.  
Mrs. Martha Chandler has moved her family to Sweden.  
Anson Charles made a short trip to Rumford, recently.  
Miss Edith Douglas is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Dexter Charles.  
Miss Abbie Towle is to teach the Spring term at Fryeburg Harbor.

**SUNDAY RIVER.**  
Julien Stowe has moved into Will Powers' house.  
Mary Jackson is working for Mrs. Priscilla Foster.  
C. B. Foster of Everett, Mass., spent last Sunday with his mother at the old homestead.  
C. O. Moore finished his logging job on Black Mountain, last week.  
Harlan Bartlett has returned from Dead River, where he has worked the past winter.  
H. M. Kendall, visited friends in this place Saturday, and has returned to his work in Roxbury, where he expects to stay until June.

**GILEAD.**  
Llewellyn Whitman recently caught a live grass-hopper.  
It is rumored that Geo. Robertson is going to have an auction, sell out, and go away.  
The following is a corrected item: Work done on Wild River the past winter by Major. Hastings and son, D. R., with twenty horses. Thirty-six hundred cords of eight foot spruce pulp wood, one hundred and fifteen cords of hemlock bark, two hundred and fifty cords of cord wood, and one hundred and fifty thousand, of hemlock lumber.

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**NORTHWEST BETHEL.**  
Mrs. E. S. Skillings is recovering from an attack of the grip.  
Mrs. Calvin Cummings' mother, Mrs. Freeland Bartlett, of Upton, is staying with her for a while.  
Miss Estella Scribner was down from Gorham, N. H., and spent a few hours with her aunt, Sally Bennett, recently.  
Mrs. Mary Shields started for her home in Salem, Mass., the 2nd. Her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Scribner Parish, returned to her home in Portland, the same day.  
Barbara Belle, little daughter of George A. Chapman, broke her collar bone while sliding, one day last week. All feel very sorry for her and hope she will recover rapidly; she is such a smart, active child; her confinement indoors will be very tedious for her.

**GREENWOOD.**  
Sylvester Cole received a bad cut on the head, Friday.  
Mrs. F. Cummings has been very sick for a few days, but is now recovering.  
Mr. Penley has decided not to move his family until he is done work, which will be about the middle of May.

**GROVER HILL.**  
"The dupe who takes his flannels off, Deceived by summer weather, Will wrestle yet with cold or cough, Most likely both together."  
Miss April is a slightly jaded; Don't trust her luring wiles, But go in winter garb arrayed, And wait for June's sweet smiles."  
E. P. Lyons has had his colt clipped.  
Eli Grover, of Mason, passed over Grover Hill, Sunday.

Miss Ida M. Haselton, assisted Mrs. G. M. Pratt, last week.  
Fred E. Wheeler visited friends in Albany, a short time since.  
T. L. Mayberry, wife, and daughter, have been sick with the grip.  
Mr. Clarence Barker was in this section for the inventory last Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Cummings commenced their duties on the Town farm this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Grover visited their mother, Mrs. Olive Grover, one day last week.  
A. J. Peaslee and True Browne are night workmen at Hodgdon's mill, at the present time.  
Frank Abbott and wife are about to move on to Randall Cummings' farm; Mr. Abbott having hired it for this year.

The April number of Godey's Magazine, announces the death of Mrs. Hungerford, the "Duchess," who has delighted many readers with her love romances.

**MARSHALL HILL.**  
George Briggs went to Waterford one day last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Isiah Hazeltine visited at Stoneham, Thursday.  
Mr. Arriel Carver and family called, at George Briggs', last Sunday.  
Mr. C. H. Fernald has traded horses with Eugene Andrews recently.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coolidge visited at Isiah Hazeltine's, one day last week.  
Mr. Howard Charles of Lovell, called at Arriel Carver's on business, Friday last.

**MILAN N. H.**  
H. E. Ellingwood has moved out of the woods.  
S. E. Burnell and family have moved to Berlin.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamlin have a son, born April 1st.  
Rev. Willis Holmes started for conference Monday morning.  
Miss Helen Evans is home from Andover, Mass., for her vacation.  
Miss Clara Rich gave a party to a few of her friends last Thursday evening.

Emily Flint Bebekah Lodge, goes to Berlin the 15th., to institute a Bebekah Lodge there.  
The fair given by the Ladies Association will be held in Androgn Hall, next Thursday eve.  
George Bush has bought a piece of land from H. C. Twitchell, and intends to build a house on it this summer.

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**Children's Column.**  
Devoted to the Interests of the Little Ones  
We collect letters for this column from the children; also riddles, anecdotes, and whatever may be deemed of interest to the young folks.

**Marjorie.**  
"Oh, dear!" said Farmer Brown, one day,  
"I never saw such weather!  
The rain will surely mow down  
And all my crops together."  
His little daughter climbed his knee;  
"I guess the sun will shine," said she.  
"But if the sun," said Farmer Brown  
"Should bring a dry September,  
With vines and stalks all wilted down,  
And fields scorched to an ember—"  
"Why, then 'twill rain," said Marjorie,  
The little girl upon his knee.

"Ah, me!" said Farmer Brown, that fall,  
"Now what's the use of living?  
No plan of mine succeeds at all!"  
"Why, next month comes Thanksgiving  
And then, of course," said Marjorie,  
"We're all as thankful as can be."  
"Well, what should I be happy for?"  
Asked Farmer Brown. "My trouble  
This summer has grown more and more,  
My losses have been double.  
I've nothing left—" "Why, you've got me!"  
Said Marjorie, upon his knee.

—Wide Awake.

**A Happy Family.**  
There is nothing that affords greater pleasure than that which comes from making other people happy. The world is such a busy one, that too often people forget others and only strive to help themselves. This may give wealth, honor and position, but it will not give happiness.

This little story is about a family whose members have many happy days. There are Mr. and Mrs. Grant and their three girls, whose names are Amy, Kate, and Alice.

Mr. Grant is a very busy man and during the day spends his time in his office, which is in the city of Indianapolis. His home is several miles away, and every fifteen minutes the electric run past the door. He goes into the city on the electric, and returns the same way. It is so far away he does not come home to dinner.

While at work in his office he often thinks of his family, and many times when he comes home he has nice things to bring with him, or better still, has many pleasant things to tell them of the people and things he has seen since morning.

There were many stories told in the neighborhood about the trouble tramps were making. Some of the women and children had been terribly frightened by the insolence of these vagabonds. There was very good reason for it, too. Mrs. Grant told her husband all about what she had heard, but she was careful not to let the children know that she was frightened.

Mr. Grant listened with much solicitude, and the next morning on his way to town he made up his mind to buy a St. Bernard dog, if he could find one. The children could have the dog to play with, and at the same time no tramp would dare to come near when a big dog was on the premises. He knew where there were several people who had dogs for sale, and that day he went out and bought one that just suited him. He was large, good-natured, and well-behaved, so the man said.

When he came home that night the children were not a little surprised to see their father leading a big, shaggy dog into the house. The man who sold the dog said his name was Dan, and that he was very fond of children. Dan at once made himself very much at home, but the children were all afraid of him. Mr. Grant told them he had bought Dan for them, and that he felt quite sure they would all like him when they came to know him better. Dan seemed to like his new home, and each day the children learned to like him better and better. Before a week was out, Dan was playing with them and seemed to think he had found a good home. Even little Alice thought Dan was nice, and would pull his long hair with her tiny hands. But Dan didn't mind that, for he had seen children before.

After this, neither Mrs. Grant nor her husband had any fears of tramps, for Dan was always on guard when strangers came near the house. So Dan proved a valuable companion for the family, and never could a dog show more signs of pleasure than he did, when he was giving his time to the children. Yes, a dog enjoys making people happy.

Another day Mr. Grant brought a pair of pretty shoes for Alice. They were just what she needed, and Mrs. Grant and the girls had a great time putting them on to her feet. She held on to the chair with both hands, for she seemed to think she would fall if she didn't. The old shoes had holes in them. "Pretty shoes," she said, and then she trotted off to find Dan who was waiting for a frolic with her.

Amy and Kate and Alice were very fine children. Once in a while they would be a little cross and disagreeable, but naughty ways and naughty doings were not in favor of the Grant family. Mr. and Mrs. Grant believed in making others happy, and in this way they taught their children. We wish you could see them some pleasant day when they are at play with Dan upon the lawn. One

reason why they are all so happy, is their effort to make others happy.—[Selected.]

Centre Montville, Me., Mar. 29, 97.  
Dear Mr. Editor:  
We receive a copy of the News every week, and I like to read the Children's Column very much. I have been at work for the past week sawing wood for Mr. Thompson, the famous carriage maker. For pets, I have four shaggy kittens. I wrote to you week before last, and you was so kind to print it, I thought that I would try again. I have a brother and sister. My brother's name is Harold, and he is seven years old. My sister's name is Cassie, and she is seven months old.

Yours truly,  
Chester B. Cushman.

**Sayings of the Little Ones.**  
"Now, Eddie," said the teacher, "what is memory?" The little fellow answered after a moment's reflection, "It is the thing that you forget with."

"A lady teacher in Tennessee told one of her pupils to name all the presidents, and when he replied that he couldn't, the teacher said: 'When I was as old as you, I could name all the presidents in their order.' The boy then replied: 'There were only a few presidents then.'"

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